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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF US BASES IN CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

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1. SEMI-OFFICIAL MOGADISCIO WEEKLY HORSEED PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 23 REPORT CLAIMING US MAINTAINS OPERATIONAL AIR BASES ON CAPE VERDE ISLANDS WHICH, UNDER 1974 USG/RSA AGREEMENT, WOULD BE PUT AT DISPOSAL OF SOUTH AFRICA IN EVENT PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION EFFORT DESTABILIZES IN CONGO FASHION POLITICAL SITUATION ON CONTINENT. ARTICLE CLAIMS FURTHER THAT NATO COUNCIL SANCTIONED SOUTH AFRICAN USE OF US BASES AT JULY OTTAWA MEETING.

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2. WE DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT HORSEED ARTICLE DRAWS UPON

MANNING ARTICLES (STATE 181066) OR HAS APPEARED ELSEWHERE IN AFRICAN MEDIA.

3. HORSEED IS NORTH KOREAN-FINANCED PROPAGANDA ORGAN, PRINCIPALLY IN ITALIAN BUT WITH ENGLISH AND ARABIC SECTIONS AS WELL. STORY ON US BASES APPEARED AS INSERT IN ITALIAN-LANGUAGE SECTION AND, RELATIVELY SPEAKING, IS MUCH MORE SOPHISTICATED PIECE OF WORK THAN CUSTOMARY, KOREAN-COMPOSED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTICLES.

4. GSDR HAS OF COURSE BEEN ANNOYED AND FRUSTRATED BY RECENT FOREIGN MEDIA ALLEGATIONS OF SOVIET BASES IN SOMALIA (MOGADISCIO 1176) AND IS PROBABLY ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO ANY TABLE-TURNING SUGGESTION OF FOREIGN OR US BASES IN AND AROUND AFRICAN CONTINENT. (JOINT SOMALI/SOUTH YEMEN COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 15 CONDEMNED IMPERIALIST QTE NUCLEAR BASES UNQTE ON DIEGO GARCIA.)

5. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE: "ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS RELIABLE SOURCES CLOSE TO NATO HEADQUARTERS CLAIM THAT LAST SESSION OF NATO COUNCIL HELD IN OTTAWA 18-19 OF JULY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES, AND NATO'S ROLE AND OBJECTIVES IN THIS CONTEXT. IT WAS RECOGNIZED IN PARTICULAR THAT UNSTABLE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND IN ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES MIGHT DRAG AFRICA INTO PERIOD OF INSTABILITY LIKE ONE WHICH LED TO CONGO CRISIS. IN THIS CONNECTION AN OPINION WAS EXPRESSED TO EFFECT THAT NATO SHOULD ASSUME MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DEFENCE OF INTERESTS IN AFRICA.

"AS IT HAS BECOME KNOWN, THE SESSION DWELT ON STRENGTHENING NATO'S POSITION AND MAINTAINING US AIR BASE OPERATIONAL ON CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. THE BASE CAN RECEIVE AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM THE USA AND EUROPE TO SOUTH AFRICA. NATURALLY THE NATO HIGH COMMAND IS INTERESTED IN THE ISLANDS, THE MORE SO THAT IT HAS TO CONSOLIDATE ITS PRESENCE IN THE ATLANTIC. THE SESSION IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE DISCUSSED SOUTH AFRICAN PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY VOSTER'S PERSONAL ENVOY IN COURSE OF CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS AND OTTAWA WITH SOME NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE HARMONIZATION OF EFFORTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMONG OTHER THINGS APPROBATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO LAST MAY'S USA-RSA AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BY ADMIRAL BIRMAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE, PROVIDING FOR SOUTH AFRICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USE OF US BASE ON THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS FOR LANDING THEIR EUROPE-AND-US-BOUND AIRCRAFT IN CASE SITUATION BECOMES AGGRAVATED. OFFERS BY PRETORIA AND SALISBURY TO RECEIVE NATO ADVISORS AND EXPERTS IN RSA AND RHODESIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN LIVELY DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THEIR REQUEST FOR INCREASED SUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS TWO COUNTRIES BADLY NEED AT PRESENT JUNCTURE.

"ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCES, AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS, THE NATO SESSION HAS ADOPTED DECISION TO ESTABLISH AD HOC WORKING

GROUP OF EXPERTS TO PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES, OUTLINING PROBABLY DEVELOPMENT. THE GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED WITH WORKING OUT CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STRENGTHENING OF NATO'S POSITIONS IN THIS PART OF AFRICA IN THE LIGHT OF OFFICES, PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS BY THE RSA AND RHODESIA. THE EXPERT GROUP HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROCEED FROM PREMISE THAT NATO'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PORTUGUESE COLONIES IS DETERMINED ABOVE ALL BY THEIR STRATEGIC POSITION AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INFLUENCING DEVELOPMENTS THERE FROM THE TERRITORIES OF THE RSA AND RHODESIA."

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